

NEW LAW REQUIRES CONTINUING COMPETENCY FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND MAINTENANCE & ALTERATION CONTRACTORS

Public Act 157 of 2007 requires Residential Builders and Maintenance & Alteration (M&A) Contractors to meet continuing competency requirements. In order to meet these requirements, licensees must participate in continuing competency activities that have been approved by the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services. Approved activities may include course work or other activities the Bureau determines will assist a licensee in maintaining his or her professional competence. The number of hours required is based on the length of time a person has been licensed as a builder or contractor. Approved courses and activities will be posted on the Bureau of Commercial Services website as they become available at www.michigan.gov/builders.

The following changes are effective January 1, 2009

RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS OR MAINTENANCE & ALTERATION CONTRACTORS LICENSED FOR SIX YEARS OR LESS:

Effective January 1, 2009, Residential Builders and Maintenance & Alteration Contractors who have been licensed for six or less years must complete 21 hours of continuing competency activities in a three year period. A licensee is required to have a minimum of 3 hours of continuing competency each year; however, it is recommended that a licensee complete 7 hours each year in order to meet the 21 hours that is required in a three-year period.

Of the 21 hours required, a licensee must devote 3 hours to activities designed to develop an understanding of state building codes and laws relating to the licensed occupation, safety, and changes in construction and business management laws. Below is a chart that indicates these requirements.

<u>Year 1</u> = 3 hours required (7 hours recommended)	21 hours required in a 3 year period.
<u>Year 2</u> = 3 hours required (7 hours recommended)	
<u>Year 3</u> = 3 hours required (7 hours recommended)	
Note: Three of the required 21 hours must be devoted to activities designed to develop an understanding of state building codes and laws relating to the licensed occupation, safety, and changes in construction and business management laws.	

RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS OR MAINTENANCE & ALTERATION CONTRACTORS LICENSED FOR MORE THAN SIX YEARS:

Effective January 1, 2009, Residential Builders and Maintenance & Alteration Contractors who have been licensed for more than six years must complete 3 hours of continuing competency activities over a 3 year period. The 3 hours must include 1 hour of codes, 1 hour of safety, and 1 hour relating to changes in construction and business management laws.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS OR MAINTENANCE & ALTERATION CONTRACTORS THAT HAVE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF P.A. 299 OF 1980:

Effective January 1, 2009, a licensee that receives a Final Order for violations of the Occupational Code, 1980 PA 299, must complete up to 21 hours of activities that demonstrate the development of continuing competency as determined appropriate by the department. The activities must include 1 hour of codes, 1 hour of safety, and 1 hour relating to changes in construction and business management laws.

Continuing competency courses and activities that have been approved by the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, will be posted on our website as they become available at www.michigan.gov/builders.